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Sir:

Pursuant to MPEP §609, Applicant hereby respectfully requests that the Examiner initial the enclosed copy of the Form PTO-1449, originally submitted on March 15, 2005 with an IDS, in the appropriate place in the left-hand column as proof that the listed references have been considered and made of record. Applicant further requests that the Examiner return a copy of the initialed form to the undersigned at his earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



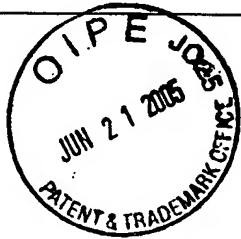
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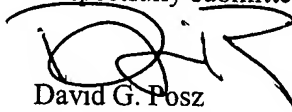
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the reference(s) listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is/are being submitted for consideration by the Examiner without any admission that it/they constitute(s) statutory prior art, or without any admission that it/they contain(s) subject matter that anticipates the invention or renders the invention obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

Further, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e), the undersigned hereby certifies that each listed reference was first cited in a Communication (copy and translation enclosed) from a foreign patent office in connection with a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

Although no fees are believed to be due at this time, it is respectfully requested that any such fees be charged to Deposit Account 50-1147. Also, the Examiner is requested to initial the attached PTO Form-1449 and to return a copy of same to the undersigned attorney as proof that the listed references have been considered and made of record.

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## REFERENCE DESIGN

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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## OTHER REFERENCES (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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